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## **Tahoe Conservancy Provides Final Funding for AI Tahoe 2 Water Quality Project**

### **Collaborative Project Utilizes Pervious Concrete, Other Progressive Measures for Runoff Control**

**SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif.— July 26, 2011**—The California Tahoe Conservancy today announced a \$1,675,000 grant to the City of South Lake Tahoe to reduce polluted runoff from a portion of the AI Tahoe neighborhood. The City project will significantly reduce a large source of pollutants that damage the clarity of Lake Tahoe.

"The Tahoe Conservancy is a key partner in helping the City meet its water quality objectives," said City of South Lake Tahoe Council Member and Conservancy Board Member Angela Swanson. "The AI Tahoe 2 Project moves us forward towards a sustainable community."

The Conservancy's grant provides the final share of funding for the estimated \$2.5 million dollar project. Other funding for the AI Tahoe neighborhood projects has come from the US Forest Service and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Construction will begin next month.

The project will capture and treat sediment and other pollutants that now drain directly into Lake Tahoe. The City's progressive design includes a Stormfilter treatment vault that was strategically sized to provide cost-efficient installation and maintenance and pervious concrete road shoulders to infiltrate road runoff while allowing for seasonal on-street parking in this densely populated neighborhood.

This is the second project in the AI Tahoe neighborhood and continues the success of the AI Tahoe 1 Project, which received rave reviews from residents in the area and was awarded the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Best in the Basin Award for an Erosion Control Project as an outstanding innovation in environmental streetscape.

The Tahoe Conservancy leads California's efforts to restore and improve the extraordinary natural and recreational resources of the Lake Tahoe basin. Since its inception in 1985, the Conservancy has invested over \$400 million in Tahoe conservation and recreation projects, and owns over 6,000 acres of neighborhood open space, lakefront parks and watershed lands.

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